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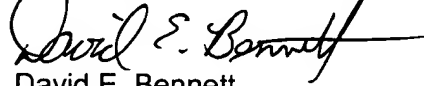
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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Group I and Group II claims be merged into a single group for prosecution.

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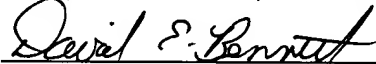
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